

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Agriculture Rare and Native Plants

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Pham

On April 3rd, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Agriculture to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for an America the Beautiful Challenge grant in the amount of \$6,607,000, over a five-year period, to benefit Oregon's rare and native plants.

The Department has identified two projects that align with the grant criteria. The first project, totaling \$3.6 million, furthers the recovery of four threatened and endangered plants by treating encroachment and improving habitat conditions. The second project, totaling \$3 million, develops an Oregon Seed Strategy for native and rare seed conservation, restoration, and production efforts. The grant has a state match requirement of 10% which will be met through cash and in-kind support from Oregon Native Plant Conservation Coalition partners.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.